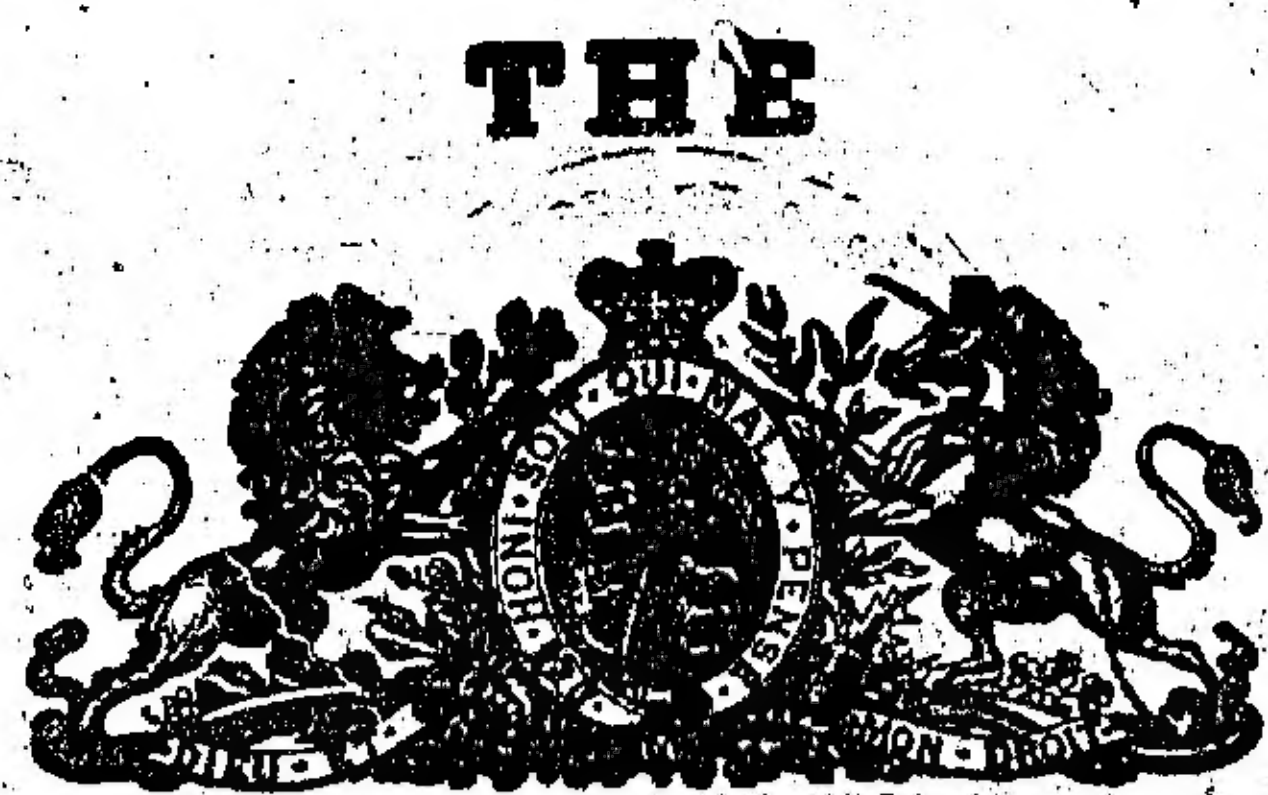


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For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

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Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

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TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description. FOLDING CHAIRS.

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HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description. CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS.

CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH. CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.,  
Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

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ROSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, Peruvia, and FRENCH and ENGLISH MAILS.

A WELL-SELECTED STOCK, comprising:—

LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED FRENCH BONNETS and HATS. FRENCH FLOWERS & FEATHERS.

FANCY TIES and SCARFS. PLAIN and FANCY LINEN and LACE SETS.

NEW RIBBONS and LACES. SUNSHADES in all the Newest Patterns.

FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS. DRESS MATERIALS in all the Leading Shades, with VELVETTES and TRIMMINGS to match.

BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New Shades. CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS.

COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PELISSES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, COLLARS, HOSIERY, SCARFS and TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, TRAVELLING RUGS, &c.

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TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to match. EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

A Good Selection of MECHANICAL and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPED HORSES.

CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBULATORS. DOLLS' FRENCH PERAMBULATORS.

LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET SETS. TENNIS MARKERS and BALLS.

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Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

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HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYTHRENE,"

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NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS. HATS in every STYLE.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

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## CHRISTMAS STORES

—AND—  
PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS. CHRISTMAS CAKES. MINCEMEAT.

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ASSORTED COCAQUES. TELEPHONE CRACKERS.

CONFERENCE CRACKERS. AQUARIUM CRACKERS.

FRENCH and ENGLISH TOYS. MECHANICAL TOYS.

DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes. SWIMMING DOLLS.

DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX. DANCING and WALKING DOLLS.

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MUSICAL BOXES. TEA and DINNER SETS.

NOAH'S ARKS. WHEELBARROWS.

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BARREL ORGANS. FRENCH ALBUMS.

LADIES' DRESSING CASES. GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.

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STATUETTES. Bohemian FLOWER VASES.

PARROT WRITING CABINETS. SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal.

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Electro-Plated SCISSORS in Cases. BIBLES.

PAINT BOXES, Fitted. TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.

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CIGAR BOXES. WRITING DESKS.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES. LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated WARE.

MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS. PARAGRAPHS HAVANA CIGARS.

&c., &c., &c.

## LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

## Intimations.

W. KERR TAYLOR, HOUSE AND SHIP PAINTER, DECORATOR.

GLASS EMBOSSED and GILDING. No. 8, Lyndhurst Terrace, HONGKONG.

December 9, 1878. ja9

## NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England, an Elegant Assortment of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. fa1

## HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next.

The Days of Exhibition will be advertised at an early date.

W. M. B. ARTHUR, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

## THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent, pro tem.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

## AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

By appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, B. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

## Intimations.

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

## WONG CHIU, PHOTOGRAPHER.

No. 84, Queen's Road, HONGKONG. (Opposite the P. & O. Co.)

## CHINESE VIEWS FOR SALE AT MODERATE PRICE.

December 11, 1878. ja1

## LOST.

LAST NIGHT, on the QUEEN'S ROAD, or in the CITY HALL, a CINGALESE GOLD LOCKET, containing a Photograph. The Finder will please communicate with the Office of this Paper, when a Reward will be given if necessary.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased.

IT is hereby notified that Probate of the last Will and Testament of JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased, was granted to the Undersigned on the 25th day of November, 1878.

(Signed) J. H. DOS REMEDIOS, D. A. DOS REMEDIOS, M. O. DOS REMEDIOS, A. A. DOS REMEDIOS.

Hongkong, December 14, 1878. ja14

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "ARRATOON APOAR," Captain A. B. MACARTHY, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878. de17

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "MORAY," Captain BUCHANAN, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1878. de17

FOR LONDON.

Calling at SINGAPORE & COLOMBO. The Steamship "GLENARY," Captain GILSON, expected here on the 14th Instant, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "GLENLYN," Captain QUARTY, due here on the 18th Instant, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878. de20

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 20th December, 1878, at Fu On Hong, Honam, at 12 o'clock, (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale),—

The Whole PLANT and MACHINERY of the CANTON COTTON YARN MILL, comprising ENGINE and BOILER SHAFTEING, 12 CARDS, 12 SPINNING FRAMES, GIN, OPENER, PICKER, &c., &c., &c.; besides a Quantity of TOOLS, TURNING LATHE and HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

For further Particulars, apply to the Undersigned, or to Messrs RUSSELL & Co. Terms of SALE.—Half Cash on fall of the hammer; the Balance before delivery.

All Lots with all faults and errors of description to be at the Purchaser's risk at fall of the hammer and to be removed within one week after the Sale.

A. F. DO ROZARIO, Auctioneer.

Canton, December 11, 1878. d18

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs BIRLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagees, on or about the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the 1st Class IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP

"AMERICA,"

of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbarton, and Engineered by Messrs. T. and M. GREGOR, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), working up to 450 H.P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 6 Tons; Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 26 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.; Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet; loaded, 17 feet; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,500 Piculs exclusive of Bunkers; Class, Lloyds 90 A1; Water Ballast; Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARFIELD'S Patent Windlass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft for 3. Boilers retubed in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first-class order.

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be Sold SEPARATELY.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs BIRLEY & Co., or the AUCTIONEERS, where Inventory and Plan of the Vessel can be seen.

TERMS OF SALE.—Half Cash on fall of the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk at fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGGE, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 18, 1878. ja20

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "ARRATOON APOAR," Captain A. B. MACARTHY, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878. de17

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.



## Intimations.

## OFFICE OF THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in consequence of Messrs OLYPHANT & Co. having suspended payment, the Board of Directors of the above Company, at a SPECIAL MEETING held at the Head Office TO-DAY, the 9th Instant, Appointed Mr J. BRADLEE SMITH as General Agent, pro tem, by whom all Business of the said Company will be transacted.

To Confirm the Action of the Board of Directors with Reference to the Appointment of Mr J. BRADLEE SMITH as General Agent of the Company, an Extraordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 13th January, 1879, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, when an audited Statement of the Affairs of the Company will be submitted.

By Order of the Board,  
WM. REINERS, Chairman.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja13

## SUBMARINE DIVING.

CAPTAIN W. CLARK has all the Necessary Appliances for SALVING OPERATIONS, and is prepared to undertake Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth of 20 Fathoms.

For particulars as to terms, &c., apply to  
LANE, ORAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja9

F. H. U. O. H. I. N. G. S. begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!

## DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

WHEREAS it having become known to the Proprietors of Dr. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE, that a worthless imitation, bearing a similar name, is exported to India, China, &c., and endeavored to be foisted on purchasers as equal in efficacy to Dr. BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne, they feel it due to the public to specially caution them against this compound and request their most careful attention to the following distinctive characteristics of Dr. BRIGHT'S (the only genuine) Phosphodyne.

1st.—That Dr. BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne is sold only in cases.  
2nd.—The words "Dr. BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne" are clearly blown in each bottle.  
3rd.—The Registered Trade Mark and Signature of Patience are printed on the label of every case.  
4th.—Directions for use in all the following languages are enclosed in each case:—English, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Danish, Persian, Hindostani, Malabar, Bengalee, Chinese, and Japanese.

Without which none can POSSIBLY be Genuine.

## DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE

Is the Only Reliable Remedy for NERVOUS AND LIVER COMPLAINTS AND ALL FUNCTIONAL DERANGEMENTS.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE is patronized by the Aristocracy and the Elite, extensively used in the Army and Navy, and strongly recommended by the leading Medical Practitioners.

## DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE

Is sold by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the Globe. In India, China, &c., DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE is generally sold at an advance on the English Price.

The high Estimation in which Phosphodyne is held is unquestionably due to its administration, in this form. Therefore

## ASK FOR

## DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE

And do not be persuaded to take any Useless and Possibly Dangerous Imitation.

## CAUTION TO MEDICINE VENDORS.

The Trade Mark, Label, &c., of DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE are duly entered at Stationers' Hall, London, and are also registered in the Chief Office of the World. Chemists and Druggists are hereby warned that legal proceedings will be immediately instituted by the Authorized Agents, against any person or persons selling fraudulent imitations of DR. BRIGHT'S (the only genuine) PHOSPHODYNE, from this date, 1st October, 1878.

## Not Responsible for Debits.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

FORNEY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnold, Katerberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouty.—Landstein & Co.

NAPLES, British barque, Capt. W. L. Bryan.—Meagher's Maritime.

FRANK OF FOXTA, British barque, Capt. J. Cowper.—Olyphant & Co.

ELITE OF DEVOX, British barque, Captain James Boer.—Captain.

RAYWAL, German barque, Captain C. Jensen.—Arnold, Katerberg & Co.

HAMBURG, German barque, Captain H. von Kroge.—Edvard Sobelmann & Co.

AWRIS S. HALL, American barque, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

OLIVE, British steamer, Captain N. Brown.—Borneo Company, Limited.

S. R. BRANCO, American barque, Capt. A. E. Oakes.—Russell & Co.

PHARON, British barque, Captain H. Scheel.—Wieler & Co.

CINDALE, British barque, Captain John Le Couter.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt. J. Wille.—Chinese.

KYLE, Norwegian barque, Captain Ole Larsen.—Meyer & Co.

ZEPHYR, British steamer, Capt. Heuer.—Russell & Co.

MARY OF DYMAN, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.—Rogers & Co.

## Notices to Consignees.

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glendon* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Underwriters, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 p.m., To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, December 11, 1878. del8

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH and DJEMNAH.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S. *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 13th Inst., at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. L. HENNEQUIN, Agent. Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNERS of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. L. RENNEQUIN, Agent. Ex "Pei Ho."

N M K (in diamonds) 545 Imp. Aldridge V S O Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases Millinery.

K J (in diamonds) 10, Order, 1 case Haber-L S O Ashbury, from London.

J B S 12, Order, 1 case Flannel, from London.

S J C 856, Order, 1 case Merino, from London. Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

## NOTICE.

COKE AND TAR IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT PURCHASERS, Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point. A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, November 5, 1878. ja1

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY. The Spanish Steamer "EMUY"

BLANCO, Master, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. del7

FOR SHANGHAI. The Steamship "NINGPO,"

R. Cass, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, Tuesday, the 17th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. del7

FOR AMOY VIA SWATOW. The Steamship "DIAMANTE"

Captain THEBAUD, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 17th Inst., at 6 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. del7

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO. The Steamship "TAIWAN,"

Captain ABBOTT, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. del8

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW. The Steamship "KWANGTUNG,"

Capt. PUNOHANG, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 19th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. del9

FOR MANILA. The A. I. American Ship "DON QUIXOTE,"

Captain KING, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. del23

FOR NEW YORK. The A. I. American Bark "S. R. BEARSE,"

Captain OAKES, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. del30

FOR HONOLULU. The A. I. American Bark "GRUSADER,"

Captain KING, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. del39

## To-day's Advertisements.

## THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

M. R. VERNON begs to announce that he will shortly take his FAREWELL BENEFIT.

On which occasion he will be assisted by the AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS, Who have kindly given their valuable services.

COMEDY AND OPERA FOR MR. H. VERNON'S FAREWELL BENEFIT.

Particulars shortly. Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

REV. BR. HIDULPH, Director of St. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, begs to inform the Parents or Guardians of his Pupils, that the ANNUAL PUBLIC EXAMINATION will be held TO-MORROW, Tuesday, at 10 a.m.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, from the 17th Inst. till the 7th Proximo. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. del7

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 27th Inst. to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive. A. NEWTON, Manager. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. ja8

FOR LONDON, CALLING AT SINGAPORE & COLOMBO. The Steamship "GLENBARN,"

Captain GASSON, will leave at Daylight, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. del8

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A. I. German Bark "GONZALEZ MANILLA II,"

GONZALEZ, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on or about the 8th January.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

SHIPPING. ARRIVALS.

Dec. 14, *Mongolia*, British steamer, 1555. A. Coleman, Bombay Nov. 28, Galle Dec. 1, Penang 6, and Singapore 8, Malls and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Dec. 15, *Wilhelm Hameyer*, German barque, 512, W. Holtz, Chetoo Dec. 4, Beaus and Vermicelli.—W. P. P. & Co.

Dec. 15, *Friedrich*, German barque, 594, G. Dau, Chetoo Dec. 3, General.—W. P. P. & Co.

Dec. 15, *San Francisco*, German schooner, 264, G. Lamcken, Chetoo Dec. 6, Beaus.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Dec. 15, *Chop sat*, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

Dec. 15, *Ningpo*, British steamer, from Canton.

Dec. 15, *China*, German steamer, 648, F. Ackermann, Shanghai Dec. 12, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Dec. 15, *Hwai Yuen*, Chinese steamer, 735, Oscar Wilson, Shanghai Dec. 13, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.

Dec. 15, *Glenearn*, British steamer, 1370, Gasson, Shanghai Dec. 12, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Dec. 15, *Emuy*, Spanish steamer, 223, F. Blanco, Manila Dec. 12, General.—REMEDIOS & Co.

Dec. 15, *Olympia*, German steamer, 783, F. Nagel, Swatow Dec. 14, General.—K. W. & Co.

Dec. 15, *Taiwan*, British steamer, 409, J. C. Abbott, Formosa Dec. 12, Amoy 13, and Swatow 14, General.—DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.

Dec. 15, *Diamante*, British steamer, 519, E. Thebaud, Manila Dec. 13, 5 p.m., General.—RUSSELL & Co.

Dec. 15, *Laura R. Burnham*, American 3-m. schooner, 673, Phillips, Iloilo Nov. 21, Ballast and Sapanwood.—CAPTAIN.

Dec. 15, *Lee Yuen*, for Shanghai.

15, *Hwai Yuen*, for Canton.

15, *China*, for Canton.

15, *Asia*, for Swatow.

15, *Alanta*, for Hoibow.

15, *Namoa*, for Coast Ports.

15, *Yotung*, for Swatow.

15, *Franklin*, for Saigon.

15, *China* (P. & O.), for Yokohama.

15, *Mario Louis* for Guam.

CLEARED.

Quinta, for Saigon.

Dirigo, for Hamburg.

N. address, for Nicaragua.

Ningpo, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Mongolia*, for Hongkong, from Southampton. Captain Cairns, Sub-Lieut. Stuart, Mr. Foster, Mr. Meyer's Ayah, Mr. Stevenson, 3 Children and E. F. Servant, from Bombay, Mr. Weston, from Singapore, Messrs Stevenson, Uloch, Tan Leang and Baryant, and 61 Chinese.—For Shanghai, from Brindisi, Rev. H. O. Dean, and Mr. Jeddings.—For Yokohama, from Southampton, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, from Brindisi, Mr. E. J. Reed, M.P., and Mr. Reed, Jun.

Per *Hwai Yuen*, from Shanghai, Mr. Balfour, 2 Chinese First-class, and 74 Chinese deck.

Per *Glenearn*, from Shanghai, Mr. James, and Mrs. Courtney and 3 children.

Per *Taiwan*, from Amoy, &c., Mr. Marshall, and 24 Chinese.

Per *Diamante*, from Manila, Mr. and Mrs. G. Garcia, J. Hughes, J. D. McGraw, S. Ruppertmann, E. A. Keller, J. O. Burdette, S. Farde, F. L. Altage, R. Aluso, J. Elizaga, H. Gomez, and 92 Chinese.

Per *San Francisco*, from Chetoo, 8 Chinese.

Per *Emuy*, from Manila, 123 Chinese, and 5 Europeans.

Per *Olympia*, from Swatow, 74 Chinese.

## PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per *Emeralda*, for Manila, Messrs S. Martin, and H. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sharp.

Per *Namoa*, for Foochow, Mr. D. Ben-jamin.

Per *China*, for Yokohama: from Hongkong, Mr. Franklin, and 3 Chinese; from Southampton, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews; from Brindisi, Mr. E. J. Reed, M.P., and Mr. Reed, Jun.

Per *Lee Yuen*, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

Per *Alanta*, for Hoibow, &c., 4 Cabin, and 40 Chinese.

Per *Yotung*, for Swatow, 22 Chinese, and 4 Europeans.

Per *Ningpo*, for Shanghai, 1 European, and 80 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Mongolia* reports: Experienced fine weather up to Macao; field Bank, thence strong N.E. monsoon.

The German schooner *San Francisco* reports: Strong N.E. winds and thick rainy weather; during the passage from Shanghai Promontory.

The British steamer *China* reports: Strong N.E. winds and thick rainy weather. The Chinese steamer *Hwai Yuen* reports: Strong N.E. winds to Breaker Point, thence to port clear and moderate weather. Passed S. S. Yangtze off Breaker Point.

The British steamer *Glenearn* reports: Strong N.E. gale with thick rainy weather. The German steamer *Olympia* reports: Fresh monsoon and cloudy weather.

The British steamer *Taiwan* reports: From Taiwan to Amoy, had moderate Northerly winds and heavy weather; from Amoy to Swatow, strong N.E. wind and heavy sea; from Swatow to Hongkong, fresh Northerly winds and overcast.

Amoy: str. *Swatow* and *Cheng Hock Kian*. In Swatow: str. *Olympia*.

The British steamer *Diamante* reports: Left December 13th, and experienced strong N.E. monsoon.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY AND MANILA.—Per *Emuy*, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALOUTTA.—Per *Murray* and *Aratoun*, pair, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 17th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—Per *Ningpo*, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For HOIBOW & HAIPHONG, (with Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi).—Per *Conquest*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For SWATOW AND AMOY.—Per *Diamante*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For SAIGON.—Per *Quinta*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, CEYLON, INDIA, SUZ, & LONDON.—Per *Glenearn*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN.—Per *Taiwan*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 18th inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per *Danube*, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 18th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOOW.—Per *Kwangtung*, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 18th inst.

For SAIGON.—Per *Pernambuco*, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 18th inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Packet *Geelong* will be despatched with Mails for the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served through London, on SATURDAY, the 21st Instant.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 20th Instant.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Near Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 21st Instant.—

7 a.m., Stamp Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter ceases.

11 a.m., Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents



It is a notable fact that Sunday is a great day on which steamers—and sailing vessels for the matter of that—put in an appearance. Whether they are timed to arrive on that day or do so by accident it is difficult to determine, but the fact cannot be disputed. Perhaps the Clerk of the Weather is a religious man, and hurries them in time for Church—who knows?

An attempt to commit a burglary last night, or rather early this morning, proved rather disastrous for the would-be thief, who fell headlong from the verandah of the house No. 55 Praya Central, receiving such serious injuries that he had to be conveyed to Hospital, where he now lies with both ankles dislocated and his back broken.

We understand that the Committee of the St. Andrew's Hall have presented Messrs. Cullinane and Barr, the boatswain and carpenter of H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel*, with a gold scarf-ring and a letter of thanks for the valuable assistance rendered in the decorations for the occasion. The rings have the St. Andrew's Cross, a shamrock and thistle on the face, and an inscription on the back.

The Spanish steamer *Emuy*, which arrived here yesterday from Manila, brings no news of the missing steamer *Madagascar*, and we are now almost inclined to fear that she must have shared the fate of the unfortunate *Fardo*, which it will be remembered, disappeared in the same mysterious manner without the slightest trace being left of her. We shall only be too glad if this conclusion proves to be erroneous, and that the delay is due to nothing worse than a thorough break-down.

It may be noted that the Annual Examination of St. Joseph's College takes place tomorrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon, after which the scholars enjoy a holiday until the 7th proximo. The Annual Examination of the pupils of the Victoria School will take place at 9 a.m. of the 18th (Wednesday), and the prizes will be distributed at 4 p.m. of same day. H. E. the Governor and Mrs. Hennessy have promised to be present at the Victoria School on Wednesday afternoon.

Kwo Sung-tao, the Chinese Ambassador in London, writes to the Earl of Salisbury, thanking Englishmen in all parts of the world for "the generous assistance afforded by them [to the Chinese people] in a time of great calamity." The names specially mentioned are—His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sir Thomas Wade, Sir Rutherford Alcock, the Governor of Hongkong, and the various Missionary Societies who inaugurated the China Famine Fund. Lord Salisbury replied briefly to the despatch.

The following notices appear in the *Governor's Gazette* of Saturday.—That Senor Albino Moncarni has been recognised as in charge of the Spanish Consulate at this port; that no foreign coinage is allowed to be introduced into the Philippine Islands until further notice; and that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to add the following gentlemen to the Commission of the Peace for the Colony:—The Honourable T. O. Hayllar, Q.C., The Honourable C. B. Plunket, Hugh Bold Gibb, Esq., J. H. Scott, Esq., E. E. Sassoon, Esq., D. A. J. Crombie, Esq., J. G. T. Hassell, Esq., J. J. Francis, Esq., Ng Achoy, Esq., W. Stanley Adams, Esq., M. D. Samuel Barff, Esq., and E. Bowdler Esq.

The performance by the Royal English Opera Company on Saturday was one of the most successful of the season, and was deserving of a far better "house" than assembled to witness it, although the cheaper seats were pretty well filled. Miss Stanley is decidedly better as the *prima donna* than as the second lady of the Company. Owing, no doubt, in a great measure, to the fact that as the *prima donna* the best songs and the most attractive parts fall to her lot, her voice seems lately to have gained in both strength and volume. She obtained a liberal allowance of applause on Saturday, and deservedly so. Mr. Vernon, although it was evident that he has not quite regained his spirit and dash after his recent illness, went through his part pretty smoothly and successfully. We are very pleased to observe that the Amateur Dramatic Society have kindly expressed their willingness to give him a benefit, and it is quite certain that that benefit will not only be a great treat to the public, but will result in something substantial for Mr. Vernon. Miss Bertha Dräger has never played better than she did on Saturday evening and seemed to fairly take the audience by surprise. Her efforts were rewarded by several hearty outbursts of applause. The part of "Pomponet" is one suited to the powers of Mr. Rollings, and he gave it a very successful rendering. Mr. Hageman is a great acquisition to the Company, at least when it plays "La Fille de Madame Angot." His comic antics "Trenitz" and "L'arrivante" kept the house in a continual roar. Mr. Franklin appears likely to prove another important addition to the strength of the Company. "Louchard" received a capital rendering at his hands in fact the character assumed a position in the opera it has not on previous occasions occupied, thanks to Mr. Franklin's comic by-play, laughter and gestures. Mr. Phillips and the rest of the Company also appeared to do better than usual. The accompaniments were ably played by Miss Anna Dräger.

Rev. J. C. Edge, of the London Missionary Society, preached in Union Church yesterday on behalf of the Mission Schools. In the course of his remarks, the Rev. speaker assured his hearers that the religious education of the pupils was carefully attended to, while the powers that be did not fail to satisfy themselves as to the thoroughness of the secular instruction given in the schools. The day would come, he believed, when the Government would not impose conditions; but he thought the times were not yet ripe for that state of things. At present the schools were materially aided by Government, and he also asked for assistance from those present.

On Wednesday and Friday last the Boys' Schools of the Church Missionary Society, under the management of the Rev. A. R. Hutchinson, were examined by the Rev. Dr. Eitel, Government Inspector of Schools, with the following highly satisfactory results: St. Stephen's Church School, Tai-ping-shan, of 99 pupils presented in Standards I to VI 95 passed; in St. Stephen's Church School, Sai-ying-pun, of 38 boys in Standards I. to IV. 37 passed. In each case the failures were confined to the IV Standard. It is a matter for congratulation that the whole of the C. M. S. schools for boys and girls, have this year attained to the same degree of proficiency, passing 97 per cent of the pupils.

We understand that H. E. the Governor and Mrs. Hennessy visited the Babel Mission School to-day. The examination of the Girls' School was held to-day by the Acting Inspector of Government Schools. His Excellency took an active part in the proceedings, and was much pleased to see that the girls had a knowledge of Chinese by the Roman as well as the Chinese character. Mrs. Hennessy examined the needle-work, and the Governor dictated characters to be written in Romanised and Chinese form, after which he asked questions and received satisfactory answers from the girls relative to the history of the world. The girls sang one or two hymns, and finished up with a doxology to the tune of "God save the Queen." Mr. and Mrs. Hennessy then went over the establishment, the dormitories and dining-room, expressed themselves highly pleased at what they had seen and left the school after having wished every success to the institution. The Babel School is certainly a pattern of simplicity, order, and cleanliness; and the training there received is of the soundest and most healthy kind; so that His Excellency and Mrs. Hennessy have done well in encouraging the work of one of the oldest and most respected Protestant missionaries in South China.

An application was made to-day by the Attorney General at the Supreme Court, before the Acting Chief Justice, on a writ of *Habeas Corpus*, for the release of Peter McEwen and John Barry, two men who were confined in Victoria Gaol charged on their own confession with being deserters from the British Army. It would appear that the Military Authorities had refused to recognize the prisoners, hence the action taken by the Attorney General for their release. The Attorney General held that the only course open was for the Magistrate to apply to the Secretary of State, in order to obtain corroborative evidence as to the prisoners being deserters, and if their identity could not be satisfactorily proved they could then be proceeded against before two Justices for having given false testimony; when, if the charge was proved, they could be sent to gaol with hard labour for any term not exceeding three calendar months. No proof was forthcoming against the prisoners except their own confession and desertion; and the Attorney General, therefore, asked the Court if they were lawfully detained in custody. He (the A. G.) held that the Military Authorities having refused to recognize the prisoners, they were entitled to their discharge from custody. The prisoners had any objection to leaving the gaol, and they replied that they had not. The A. G. said he thought the Military Authorities should have notice of the proceedings which were being taken, and His Lordship then said that he would remand the case until Wednesday in order to allow of this being done.

Some of our residents were not a little surprised lately at the announcement of a concert in aid of the necessitous shareholders in the City of Glasgow Bank. Here is a cutting from a home paper which would seem to justify the aid thus given:—"At a public meeting held at Aberdeen, under the presidency of the Lord Provost, a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the sufferers by the bank failure, and also conveying a wish that a national subscription should be at once made in aid of the necessitous shareholders. The following firms have contributed £3,000 each:—John and James White, James Stevenson, Charles Tennant & Co., Messrs. Coats ( Paisley), Napier and McIntyre, and Clark & Co. (Paisley). Mr. James Alexander Campbell gave £2,000, and several others £1,000 each, including Messrs. James Campbell, James Leary, Whitley and Son, Louis Leister, and Stewart and McDonald."

HONGKONG, its Governor, its local Bank, and one of the Bank Directors, have been instrumentalized by the London *Punch* in connection with the proposed statue to Earl Beaconsfield. The skit is headed with a reference to the telegram from Hongkong, stating that "Mr. Pope Hennessy, the

Governor of the Colony, has received from Mr. Bellios, a director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the sum of £1,000, for the erection of a statue to the Earl of Beaconsfield at Hongkong." Upon which text *Punch* puts the following in the Premier's mouth:—"They gave me a statue in June, And now they declare they were wrong, But though Britain alter her tune, There is Justice at least in Hongkong. "With worship I still must be fed, Though Imperial policy fail, I have had it for years from Pig-head, I will turn for it now to Pig-tail."

The following accounts of the average amount of bank notes in circulation in Hongkong, during the months ending 31st October, and 30th November, 1878, are published in the *Governor's Gazette*—

Bank.	Average Amount.
Oriental Bank Corporation.....	194,150
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.....	714,334
Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.....	736,891
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	1,524,575
Total.....	\$3,169,950

Bank.	Average Amount.
Oriental Bank Corporation.....	345,450
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.....	642,452
Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.....	662,560
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	1,430,052
Total.....	\$2,981,514

The *Siam Advertiser* publishes in its issue of the 21st November the Customs return of the Exports from Bangkok during October, of which the following is an abstract:—

To Hongkong .....	\$218,246
" Singapore .....	363,543
" Manila .....	72,507
" Saigon .....	45,399
" Coast .....	1,232
Total.....	\$487,042

The export of Rugs was as follows:—  
To Hongkong Pils. 94,647...\$131,844  
" Singapore .. 105,269... 233,858  
" Manila .. 25,462... 72,500  
Total...Pils. 195,368 \$487,702

\$40,000 worth of Teelseed was shipped to Europe. The other principal exports are as follow:—

SINGAPORE.	HONGKONG.
Dollars.....\$51,889	Dr'd Mussels \$18,460
But. Hides.....18,149	Rosewood.....12,050
Teelseed.....15,730	B. C'dammus.....9,720
Raw Silk.....8,325	Salt Meat.....6,840
Dr'd rawus 7.8 0	Tin.....6,375
Salt.....5,112	Sapanwood.....6,102

(London & China Express, Nov. 8.)  
It is stated that Captain Thomas E. Smith (1868) will succeed Commodore Watson as senior officer at Hongkong, on the expiration of that officer's term of service in March next. Captain Smith's last service was in command of the *Charybdis*, on the China station.  
News from the Cape points to Lieut. Colonel Amiel, commanding the 80th regiment, being in such bad health that his retirement from active service is thought likely. His friends in Hongkong will share regret at this news.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* says:—The *Frederic Emmanuel* is not so highly desired for appointment that many selected for service in that ship have any desire to remain longer than the usual term of three years. Yet we notice that the paymaster, Mr. Henry Wyatt, completed his period of service as long ago as February last. The delay in finding this officer a relief is not a little curious, as we hear that not only has he made no application to remain, and is anxiously looking forward to take his departure from Hongkong, but also that others on half-pay have actually asked that they might be appointed to the *Victor Emanuel*. Perhaps Rear-Admiral Lord Gifford will give five minutes' attention to this matter, and thus gain the thanks of at least two officers.

A letter from Hamburg states—The new gunboat *Wolf*, Lieut. Berks commander, left Wilhelmshaven on Oct. 27 on a voyage to China, where she will be stationed for four or five years.

Designs are being drawn up at the Admiralty for the construction of a dock at Vladivostok. As at present constituted, the dockyards on the Pacific Station afford very inadequate accommodation for the reception and repair of vessels; and, in consequence, if any injury happen to the hulls of the men-of-war under Admiral Puzos's flag, they have to proceed to China or Japan to be docked. Some of the Russian papers consider it a fortunate circumstance that Japan should be making such progress with her naval armaments, and assert that the excellent dock at Yokohama and the abundance of coal and provisions to be found there would make the port an excellent place of call for cruisers in the event of war.

It is announced from Simla that the Chinese Government has issued a decree, couched in strong language, ordering the Governor of Kashgar to take steps for the immediate arrest of all rebels who have fled to Russian territory.

#### China.

(News.)

On Wednesday, the valuable real estates of the late A. R. de Cerny, Esq., were offered for sale by public auction. The property comprised both land and buildings, and was submitted in two lots only, the first of which was situated in the Foochow road. This was bought in for £14,000. The second lot included various properties, and was bought by Chinese for the sum of £14,000.

By private information received from Nagasaki we learn that on Monday last a fire broke out on board the M.B. Co.'s steamer *Genkai Maru*, which was then lying in that port. Smoke was seen issuing from the engineers' department; the fire alarm on board was immediately sounded, and assistance

was sent from one of the Russian men-of-war in port. Happily their services were not required, as by the prompt and energetic action of the engineering staff, and the officers and crew generally, the flames had been extinguished and only slight damage was done.

Our readers will have regretted to hear of the sudden demise of another well-known and respected resident in this Settlement, Mr. F. E. Heyden, Consul for the Netherlands.

It is advertised in another column, that in consequence of an agreement made with the French Post-Office, and in pursuance of instructions from the Company's head office, the mail steamer *Peiho* will be despatched from Shanghai on Sunday, the 22nd instant, instead of Friday, the 20th, as previously mentioned.

The air is full of rumours respecting the future of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, consequently, it may be supposed, upon the action recently taken with respect to the foundry and dock worked by the Company in Hongkong. The latest rumour is, and we give it with all reservation, that Mr. Robert Hart is engaging a staff of employees in England for the special purpose of working the business on behalf of the Company. Should this be true, it will give colour to what has been said respecting the finances and the ill-success attending their administration hitherto. The letter of our Tientsin correspondent, given in another column, also throws considerable light on the prudent measures of retrenchment lately commenced by the management.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

December 16, 1878.

#### DRUNKENNESS.

Auguste Dreco, seaman British ship *Earl of Devon*, drunk and incapable. Fined 50 cents.  
John Hay and Robert Maginnen, privates 74th Highlanders, drunk and disorderly. Fined 6 shillings each.

#### ALLEGED THEFT BY A EUROPEAN BOY.

John Pengelly, aged 16, a native of Australia and employed as stage boy by the Opera Company, was charged by Mr. Thomas Sutton Lilley, with stealing some clothing, &c.

Complainant stated—I went to the Oriental Hotel about the end of October last; at that time the defendant was my servant and went with me to the hotel. He lived with me there until the 10th October, when I was arrested for debt and sent to Gaol. A few days after my committal, the proprietor of the hotel came to the Gaol and gave me information in consequence of which I sent for the defendant and ordered him to give over all my effects to the proprietor's charge. The boots and the suit of sleeping clothes produced are my property and were left in the defendant's charge when I went to Gaol; they were then in my room in the hotel. On my release from Gaol in November last, I asked Mr. Rose (one of the proprietors) for the boots, and he said he had never received them. I then made enquiries at the hotel about them, but cannot swear that I asked the defendant where they were. I have missed a large quantity of clothes and apply for a warrant to search the defendant's bag, which is looked in his room at the hotel.

The case was remanded until Wednesday next at 11 a.m.

#### CLUBS! CLUBS!

Cheng Apat and five others, coolies, blacksmiths and hawkers, were charged with fighting, with several others not in custody, with carrying poles, at Square Street, Sanyingpoon. They were arrested with £20 or 2 months' hard labour, the 4th and 5th Gaol in November last, and the 6th and 7th or 14 days' hard labour, and all were ordered to be exposed in the stocks for 6 hours before the expiration of their sentence.

#### THE BOLD "LOOK-ONS."

Lam Ping Chung, a Constable, No. 153, stationed at Yowmats, was charged on remand with cutting and wounding Lam Akew, a married woman, and Pun Akoo, a fellow-constable, No. 160. He waived notice of trial and was committed for trial at the next Sessions.

#### ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Mongolia*, Captain A. Coleman, with the London mail of the 9th November, arrived here late on Saturday night.

#### TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

(Straits Times Extra.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.—The *Uzar* in the course of a speech at Moscow said he hoped a definite Treaty of Peace would shortly be arranged.

London, Dec. 4.—The Leader of the Opposition has declined to move no amendment to the address, but to introduce a motion censuring the policy of the Government though not refusing supplies.

Bombay, Dec. 5.—General Roberts has captured Peshawar together with all the guns, ammunition, &c. A heavy loss has been inflicted upon the enemy and a complete victory has been gained by the British force, with a loss in killed and wounded of only four officers and eighty men.

London, Dec. 5.—The Under Secretary of State for India has given notice of a resolution that the expenses of the Afghan campaign should be made chargeable to the Government of India.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The Emperor of Germany has been enthusiastically welcomed back to Berlin, and he has resumed the reins of Government.

London, Dec. 5.—Parliament was opened to-day by Royal Commission. The speech is a brief one.

Hostility (the message is here mutilated) and manner of replying a friendly mission left no alternative course but to make a peremptory demand for redress from the Amoor of Afghanistan. Parliament is summoned to meet for an extraordinary session in conformity with the law. Friendly assurances have been exchanged with other powers, and there is every reason to believe that the Berlin Treaty will be successfully carried out.

The Estimates, together with various other measures, are preparing, and will be duly submitted for deliberation. A suitable redress will be exacted from Afghanistan.

London, Dec. 6.—The House of Lords voted the address in reply to the speech from the Throne after a long debate.

Lord Beaconsfield warmly vindicated the justice of the war and said the results of

the victory of General Roberts will be speedy and satisfactory. He further said that the worst period of the depressed state of Trade was over, and Government was confident in the regeneration of Asia Minor.

The House of Commons after a lengthened debate voted the address in reply to the Queen's speech.

The Marquis of Hartington disclaimed any intention to oppose the vote for supplies, and Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, denied the allegation that a quarrel had been picked with the Amoor of Afghanistan. He said the only object of the war was for the purpose of securing the frontier.

(From Indian Papers.)

Lahore, Nov. 21.—A telegram from General Roberts reports that the column advanced this morning and found the Kapigroft fort quiet and recently vacated. The column then pushed on to Akadshama eight miles further. The fort there also had been recently vacated. The column assembled there and explained the reason for entering Curram, and arranged with the headman for bringing in supplies of grass and wood.

Fort Akhmed, Nov. 21.—About six o'clock this morning Colonel J. H. Gordon, Commandant of the 29th Punjab Native Infantry, crossed the Kooram Bridge with two companies of his regiment. They crossed without opposition, and, having reformed, advanced in skirmishing order, and rapidly and cautiously ascended the plateau on which Fort Kapion is situated. They met with no resistance, and at once entered the Fort, thus capturing the first position in the Amoor's territory. The Fort was found to have been deserted by the garrison, which must have left in a great hurry, probably as soon as they saw the troops advancing, as some uncooked cakes were found in the cooking places. The only spoil found was two bags. Previous to this morning's advance at about two o'clock, one company of the 29th Hussars crossed the river higher up, and the 10th Hussars crossed below the bridge, in order to cut off the retreat of the garrison by out-flanking them. Immediately the Fort had been occupied, the 10th Hussars and the 12th Bengal Cavalry dashed on, riding at full speed over a narrow path, strewn with boulders and quite impassable for artillery. I accompanied them, and after an hour's hard riding, we reached Fort Akhmed, from which I write this telegram. One prisoner was taken in the Fort. None of the population were visible on the route, and it is possible that a better road may be found to this place from Thull. The 29th were in capital form. As I mounted and rode between the lines of skirmishers, I had an excellent opportunity of observing the line of the 12th Bengal Cavalry as they moved along the narrow path amidst undulating hills. The scene was an exceedingly picturesque one, and the men were in splendid spirits. We shall probably halt here for two days and wait for reinforcements.

Quetta, Nov. 21, 3.20 p.m.—The troops now in the Kulljak Valley are the second Punjab Cavalry, one squadron of the Sind Horse, the 2nd Belooches (right wing), and also the 32nd Pioneers. A part of these troops will move to-morrow to Judgoom, on the border, or Hyderabad, six miles beyond this. The advance force is to be under the command of Colonel Kennedy, of the Punjab Cavalry. This force will be accompanied by four guns Robertson's battery No. 2 (Charles's) battery. The temperature at 6 a.m. was 45 degrees.

Bombay, Nov. 22.—The *Times of India's* London correspondent telegraphs that it has been finally decided that we shall occupy the Khyber Pass and the Kurram Valley, and not advance beyond, unless the action of the Amir absolutely compels us to do so.

Lahore, Nov. 22.—The Peshawar force advanced yesterday morning. Sir Sam Brown, with his headquarters and the 3rd Brigade, went direct on the Pass, the first and second Brigades under General Mercer making a wide detour to the right to occupy Rhotas hill above Ali Musjid and cut off the retreat of the garrison. Difficulties on the road were great and delayed the advance. General Brown occupied the Shajal ridge without opposition, and found the Amir's troops strongly posted at Ali Musjid. He shelled Ali Musjid and extended some troops to engage the enemy's attention and hold him, but he delayed an attack awaiting the arrival of the other columns at the assigned positions.

The following telegram from the Viceroy to the Governor of Madras have been published:—

Lahore, Nov. 23, noon.—The second Brigade has cut off the retreat of the Amoor's troops in the Khyber and have captured many prisoners. The Force moves to Lundeana to-day. Our casualties on the 21st were:—Major Birch and Lieut. Fitzgerald, 27th N. I., killed; Captain Maulean, 14th Sikhs, wounded, and 30 or 40 men killed and wounded.

Lahore, Nov. 23.—A telegram from Major Cavagnari, dated Nov. 23rd, states that the Afridis intercepted five hundred men of the Cabul army, and took their arms and clothing. General Biddulph's force, accompanied by Major Sandeman, has advanced close to the vicinity of Pishin. No resistance of any consequence seems to be contemplated at Pishin.

Lahore, Nov. 24.—Further reports from the force received through Jamrud puts the number of guns taken at 22, and states that it is believed that the greater part of the Amir's force, including a General and some of the officers, have been taken prisoners.

Lahore, Nov. 24, 3.40 p.m.—More detailed reports state 22 guns and most of Amir's troops in Khyber captured. A general and some officers believed to be among prisoners.

Calcutta, Nov. 25.—The Head-Quarters and troops from Quetta have crossed the Frontier and advanced two marches without opposition. They were expected to enter Pishin on Saturday. 300 Ghazis have arrived, wanting employment. They state that their tribe is disaffected towards the Amir, and will rebel on our advance. This greatly reduces the probability of resistance. Large convoys of commissariat camels are arriving.

The latest from Peshawar is that the ultimatum letter, which was forwarded through the Amoor's post has been returned from the Cabul Dead Letter Office, marked "Refused." The rules of the Afghan Post Office not permitting of the "free" return of such letters as in our own enlightened department, the question of payment of bearing postage has been referred to the Finance Minister.

London, Nov. 27.—French Mail per *Tigre* Galle 2nd November delivered in London. Consols 99.

Pishan has been taken by Colonel Moore with an advance guard of cavalry.

London, Nov. 28.—Evening. The Afghan official correspondence has been published. It commences with the accession of Sher Ali in 1863, and terminates with Lord Chamberlain's despatch of November 18th.

A despatch of Lord Northbrook's dated September 15th, 1873, states that the Amoor had interpreted the friendly assurances of Lord Lawrence and Mayo as an obligation to comply with any request. Lord Northbrook removed that impression, and, following the Duke of Argyll's instructions, promised "material assistance against unprovoked aggression, the British Government judging the necessity of an entente cordiale provided the Amoor accepted their advice unconditionally." On January 22nd, 1876, a despatch from Lord Salisbury proposed sending an Agent to Herat to obtain better information about the country. Lord Northbrook objected that the time and circumstances were unsuitable. On November 19th, Lord Salisbury directed the despatch of a temporary Mission to Cabul, but Lord Northbrook objected on the same ground as before. The communications of Nawab Ghoolam Hosen describe the Amoor as irritable; expressing his readiness to receive a Mission, but procrastinating with regard to its reception. A letter from the Amoor, dated October 6th, complains of the harsh tone of the letters addressed to him, the haste in sending the Mission, and the animosity shown; and concludes by leaving matters in the hands of God.

St. Petersburg, November 28.—The papers here state that the Amoor has concentrated his forces at Cabul, which is strongly fortified.

Bombay, Nov. 28.—The Kurram Fort was occupied to-day. A native Ghilji with the whole population behind him turned out to welcome our troops, and the native chiefs then hastened to pay allegiance. The Quetta column captured the Amoor's munition with the revenue accounts in its possession. They have obtained abundant supplies. Three hundred prisoners from Ali Musjid are expected at Lahore.

A report from General Ross, Commanding at Peshawar, dated the 22nd, states that General Sir Sam Brown's force entered the Khyber Pass on the morning of the 21st, the first and second brigades being detached to the right to occupy the Rhotas Hill. A severe artillery fight ensued, lasting from 12 o'clock noon to 4 p.m. The Kabul artillery was well served. At 4 p.m., the third brigade, under General Appleyard, advanced, and got close to the Ali Musjid batteries. Our forty-pound guns shelled the Afghan guns. Our troops bivouacked on the ground before Ali Musjid on the night of the 21st, and during the night Ali Musjid was evacuated by the enemy. A report from Sir Sam Brown, dated Ali Musjid night of 22nd, states that the captured guns had not then been collected, but that probably about ten were captured with many tents and some mules. Major Birch and Lieutenant Fitzgerald, of the 27th N.I., were killed, and Captain Maulean of the 14th Sikhs wounded. Some thirty or forty men in all were killed and wounded on our side. The forces remained at Ali Musjid on the night of the 22nd, and moved on the 23rd to Lunde Khana. The second brigade under General Tyler cut off the retreat of the Ali Musjid garrison and captured many, who gave up their arms."

Madras, Nov. 26.—The Queen has telegraphed to the Viceroy to the following effect:—"I have received with the greatest satisfaction the news of the brilliant success of my brave troops, though I deplore the loss of life. I am highly gratified with the loyal and friendly conduct of the Native Princes on this occasion."

No further news received from Generals Brown and Biddulph. On General Roberts advancing the Amoor's troops retired to Tharriah, to which reinforcements are coming. General Stewart's division is crossing the Sutlej. The Maharajahs of Kashmir and Sindh are on a visit to the Viceroy at Lahore.

#### Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 16, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash.....	560
" Old Patna, cash.....	560
" New Benares, cash.....	560
" Old Benares, cash.....	560
" New Malwa, cash.....	750
" Allowance Teela, 32.....	—
" Old Malwa, cash.....	—
" Allowance Teela, —.....	—

#### Exchange.

Bank, on demand.....	3/7
" 30 days' sight.....	3/7 1/2
" 60 days' sight.....	3/7 1/2
Credit, —.....	3/8
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 8/24.....	221
Bombay, demand Rupees.....	221
Calcutta, —.....	221
Shanghai, demand, —.....	72 1/2
" 60 days' —.....	73 1/2
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., —.....	110 nom.
Sycee, —.....	109 1/2
Mexicans, —.....	2 1/2
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 fine —.....	27.70
English Sovereigns.....	5.55
Australian Sovereigns.....	5.55

#### Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 52 1/2 prem.....	1,400
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,400.....	1,400
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500.....	1,500
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 725.....	725
Chinese Insurance Co., \$380.....	380
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,250.....	1,250
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$885.....	885
China Fire Ins. Co., \$305.....	305
H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$9 3/4 prem.....	9 3/4
H.K. & W. S.-boat Co., \$8 prem.....	8
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 17.....	17
China Coast. S. Nav. Co., Tls. 102.....	102
Hongkong Gas Co., \$95.....	95
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$98.....	98
China Sugar Refining Co., 45.....	45
Chinese Imperial Loan, 2109.....	2109
Do.....	of 1877, 2108

#### Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, December 16, 1878.

BAROMETER	9 A.M....	30.488
Do.	1 P.M....	30.580
Do.	4 P.M....	30.580
Thermometer	9 A.M....	58
Do.	1 P.M....	59
Do.	4 P.M....	58
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	50
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	50
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	50
Do. Maximum	...	60
Do. Minimum over night	...	54



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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship  
"GEBLONG," Captain C. FRASER, will  
leave this on SATURDAY, the 21st De-  
cember, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. MOLVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de21

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT-DE GALLE, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSAILLES;  
ALSO,  
MAHE, ST. DENIS, PORT LOUIS,  
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 28th December,  
1878, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. PERHO, Commandant PASQUALE,  
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPORE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and as-  
signed in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.  
on the 27th December, 1878. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.  
For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1878. de28

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
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PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
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IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
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RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GALLIO" will be despatched  
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on TUESDAY, the 31st December, at  
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Japan, the United States and Europe.  
Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 30th December. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.  
For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.  
G. B. REMOND, Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de31

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE Underigned being about to Close  
his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies  
that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or  
by him, he will Collect and Pay.  
The Interest and Good will of his Business  
has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS  
LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have  
this Day Established a BRANCH of their  
Firm at Swatow, and have authorized  
Mr G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration.  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

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Office, Bank Buildings.  
Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

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MEYER & Co.,  
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Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

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ALSO KNOWN AS THE  
FU ON HONG.

ALL Parties indebted to the above Estate  
are requested to make immediate  
Payment, and all CLAIMS on the same  
must be presented on or before the 31st  
Instant, or they will not be recognized.  
T. B. CUNNINGHAM,  
Attorney for DANIEL VROOMAN,  
and Tse KWAI CHIN,  
doing business under the name of  
Fu On Hong.

Canton, December 11, 1878. de19

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TENDERS will be Received until the  
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known as the CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM  
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COMPANY'S DOCK, situated at Pootung,  
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Dock measures 336 feet by 76 feet, Dock  
Entrance 72 feet, River Frontage about  
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December 5, 1878. ja2

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J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
General Agent,  
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Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

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To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the  
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Sections.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Aegon	5	Stewart	Brit. str.	843	Dec. 13	Linstead & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-morrow
Arratoon Apar	5	Mactavish	Brit. str.	1392	Dec. 12	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Canton Dock	To-day
Bombay	5	Alderton	Brit. str.	749	Dec. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	
China	5	Prowse	Brit. str.	1036	Dec. 2	Borneo Company, Limited	Singapore	Ab'deen Dock
Olive	5	Smith	Brit. str.	810	Dec. 14	Meyer & Co.	Holbow & Haiphong	18th daylight
Commonwealth	5	Scott	Brit. str.	1401	Dec. 14	Kwong Lee Yuen	Bangkok	18th daylight
Conquest	5	Clanchy	Brit. str.	317	Dec. 15	Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow and Amoy	18th daylight
Danubo	5	Thebaud	Brit. str.	564	Dec. 15	Russell & Co.	Amoy and Manila	To-morrow
Diamante	5	Blanco	Span. str.	510	Dec. 15	Remedios & Co.		Tug Flying
Emu	5	Stopani	Brit. str.	223	Dec. 15	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.		
Fame	5	Gascon	Brit. str.	117	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	London, &c.	
Glencarn	5	Bergh	Norw. str.	1870	Nov. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	S'pore and Penang	19th daylight
Hakon Adelesten	5	Punchard	Brit. str.	1004	Dec. 14	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	at daylight
Kwangtung	5	Butcher	Brit. str.	675	Dec. 14	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Mongolia	5	Coleman	Brit. str.	1685	Dec. 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-morrow
Minoy	5	Butcher	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Ningpo	5	Class	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Norna	5	Class	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Olympia	5	Class	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Permambuco	5	Class	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Quinta	5	Class	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Sea Gull	5	Class	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Somerset	5	Class	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Talwan	5	Class	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Zamboanga	5	Class	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Sailing Vessels								
Alma	7	Ohlson	Swed. bge.	332	Nov. 20	Meyer & Co.	London	Ab'deen Dock
Alva	7	Souza	Port. sh.	631	Nov. 8	Brandao & Co.	Bombay	
Amy Turner	7	Newell	Amer. bge.	991	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.	New York	
Annie S. Hall	7	Nelson	Amer. bge.	455	Nov. 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Aristide	7	Labaye	Fr. bge.	399	Nov. 29	Carlowitz & Co.		Sands' Ship
Black Watch	7	Kennish	Brit. bge.	491	Dec. 8	Master	Batavia & Samarang	
Brema	7	Timpe	Ger. bge.	896	Nov. 11	Wieler & Co.		
Bua Oaso	7	Lange	Swed. bge.	838	Nov. 20	Carlowitz & Co.		
Capella	7	Andersen	Swed. bge.	307	Dec. 8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Carnarvonshire	7	Fishwick	Brit. bge.	338	Nov. 23	Carlowitz & Co.		
Charis	7	Gautier	Fch. bge.	256	Nov. 23	Borneo Co., Limited		
Changtoo	7	Bakie	Brit. 3m. so.	173	Dec. 2	J. J. dos Remedios & Co.		
Christina	7	Capra	Nic. 3m. so.	336	Dec. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Civiale	7	Lo Contar	Ger. bge.	380	Nov. 20	Siemssen & Co.		
Cocoran	7	Nissen	Amer. sh.	188	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Colman	7	Morison	Amer. bge.	853	Nov. 15	Russell & Co.	London	
Commissary	7	Steffen	Ger. bge.	368	Nov. 22	Siemssen & Co.		
Connaught Ranger	7	Murphy	Brit. sh.	1183	Dec. 8	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	
Cordoba	7	Bertaud	Fch. bge.	469	Nov. 10	Carlowitz & Co.		
Cordonia	7	Hawkins	Brit. bge.	811	Nov. 24	Oliphant & Co.	Rangoon	
Craig Ard.	7	Ingram	Amer. bge.	669	Nov. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Callao	
Crunder	7	Robertson	Brit. bge.	915	Aug. 6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Demerara	
Dartmouth	7	Lillenthal	Ger. 3m. so.	238	Nov. 19	Wieler & Co.	Quinhon	
Delphin	7	Beier	Amer. sh.	684	July 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Hamburg	Cleared
Dirigo	7	King	Amer. sh.	1128	Sept. 24	Capitan	Rangoon	
Don Quixote	7	Beier	Brit. bge.	441	Nov. 18	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.		
Earl of Devon	7	Lindbergh	Brit. bge.	391	Nov. 9	Wieler & Co.		
Elizabeth Childs	7	Griferson	Brit. sh.	904	Oct. 17	Borneo Co., Limited	Nagasaki	Sands' Ship
Elizabeth Nicholson	7	Merello	Ital. bge.	724	Nov. 20	Melchers & Co.		
Esperance	7	Gullion	Fch. bge.	272	Dec. 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Faunty	7	Gougon	Fch. bge.	314	Nov. 23	Edmund Schellhaas & Co.	Rangoon	
Firth of Forth	7	Cowper	Brit. bge.	880	Nov. 12	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	Ab'deen Dock
Fleetwing	7	Guest	Amer. sh.	829	Oct. 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		K'loon Dock
Flensborg	7	Jacobson	Dan. bge.	365	Nov. 22	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.		
Florence Nightingale	7	McIntyre	Brit. bge.	454	Nov. 23	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Fontenay	7	Baylor	Brit. sh.	493	Nov. 24	Wieler & Co.		
Friedrich	7	Bertelsen	Ger. 3m. so.	298	Dec. 15	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Friedrich	7	Dau	Ger. bge.	402	Oct. 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Geal Bros.	7	Trumbach	Ger. bge.	402	Oct. 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Ham Columbia	7	Bresteron	Amer. sh.	353	Nov. 19	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.		Cos'tan Dock
Hamburg	7	Kroge	Ger. bge.	349	Nov. 29	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.	Bangkok	
Hansa	7	Denkem	Ger. bge.	498	Nov. 19	Wieler & Co.	Touron	Cos'tan Dock
Havins N. Bangs	7	Bangs	Amer. 3m. so.	566	Dec. 1	Capitan		
Hawthorn	7	Mead	Brit. bge.	296	Dec. 2	Wieler & Co.		
Helene	7	Volguardsen	Ger. bge.	372	Nov. 26	Wieler & Co.		
Highlander	7	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Holsten	7	Kulper	Ger. 3m. so.	281	Nov. 19	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.		
Hotapur	7	Shaw	Brit. bge.	522	Sept. 3	Rozario & Co.		
Hyton Castle	7	Scott	Brit. bge.	548	Nov. 23	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	M'bourne & Dunedin	
Invisible	7	Strickland	Amer. sh.	150	Dec. 6	Meyer & Co.	Touron	
J. H. Ingersoll	7	Daw	Amer. bge.	609	Nov. 27	Butterfield & Swire		
Janet	7	Hendrey	Brit. 3m. so.	211	Nov. 22	Birley & Co.	Singapore	
Johann Friedrich	7	Krinke	Ger. bge.	242	Nov. 24	Wieler & Co.	Nagasaki	K'loon Dock
Johann Smidt	7	Bosche	Ger. bge.	438	Nov. 24	Melchers & Co.		
John Potts	7	McPherson	Brit. bge.	374	Nov. 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Kvik	7	Larsen	Norw. bge.	405	Dec. 1	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.		
Leucadia	7	Mearns	Brit. sh.	896	Sept. 19	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Lulu	7	Shierloh	Ger. 3m. so.	275	Oct. 17	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.	Haiphong	
Maid of Judah	7	Webb	Brit. bge.	643	Nov. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Toohow	K'loon Dock
Manila II.	7	Gonner	Ger. bge.	511	Nov. 20	Rozario & Co.		
Marco Polo	7	Berkwoldt	Ger. bge.	358	Nov. 29	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Marie Louise	7	Noury	Fch. bge.	425	Dec. 2	Wieler & Co.		Cleared
Matthias	7	Dawes	Amer. sh.	1165	Nov. 10	Carlowitz & Co.		
Melrose	7	Plumer	Amer. sh.	904	Sept. 19	Meyer & Co.		
Mercury	7	Thomas	Brit. 3m. so.	336	Dec. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Min-y-don	7	Leslie	Brit. sh.	1108	Sept. 3	Russell & Co.	London	
Moneta	7	Bisset	Brit. bge.	621	Aug. 1	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Morning Star	7	Michaelson	Brit. bge.	570	Aug. 1	Siemssen & Co.	New York	
Napier	7	Fryde	Brit. bge.	1200	Nov. 15	Menageries Maritimes		
Nardoo	7	Paul	Brit. bge.	379	Nov. 15	Chong Woo		
Niagara	7	Paulsen	Ger. bge.	691	Oct. 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Nicolaus	7	Silken	Ger. sh.	157	Oct. 11	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		K'loon Dock
Paralos	7	Casco	Fch. bge.	628	Nov. 28	Carlowitz & Co.		
Phaeton	7	Schoel	Brit. bge.	276	Dec. 11	Chinese		
Prince Arthur	7	Willie	Brit. bge.	698	Dec. 14	Chinese		
Rosetta McNeil	7	Brown	Amer. bge.	611	Dec. 10	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
San Francisco	7	Lamoken	Ger. sh.	264	Dec. 15	Siemssen & Co.		
S. R. Beare	7	Oknes	Amer. bge.	607	Dec. 10	Russell & Co.		
Sophie	7	Binge	Ger. sh.	210	Nov. 20	Wieler & Co.	New York	
Spartan	7	Vincent	Amer. sh.	100	Sept. 23	W. H. Ray	Touron	
Ste. Adresse	7	Levy	Fch. bge.	590	Nov. 24	Carlowitz & Co.		Cleared
Sumatra	7	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.	Nicaragua	
Taiwan	7	Jessen	Ger. bge.	873	Nov. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Amoy	
Tartar	7	Kaemena	Ger. bge.	256	Oct. 31	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
The Goolva	7	Torkilion	Brit. bge.	717	Nov. 11	Carlowitz & Co.	Rangoon	
Theresa & Nelly	7	Garcouat	Fch. bge.	358	Nov. 16	Wieler & Co.		
Varuna	7	Shaw	Brit. bge.	488	Oct. 11	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Singapore	
Verona	7	Barlett	Brit. bge.	698	Oct. 24	Melchers & Co.		
Vesta	7	Darks	Ger. bge.	808	Oct. 24	Melchers & Co.		
Wilhelm Hameyer	7	Holts	Ger. bge.	612	Dec. 15	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
CANTON								
China	7	Ackermann	Ger. str.	643	Dec. 16	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Humbly	7	Wilken	Obi. str.	783	Dec. 16	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	